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## Temperance

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### FARMER IS ULTIMATE LOSER

For All the Mischief Wrought by Saloons Country People Must Foot Heaviest Portion.

The great argument used for licensing the saloon is that a revenue is thus secured to the treasury. It is said, "License money will build side-walks, support schools, and do many other things which otherwise would have to be paid for directly out of the pockets of the taxpayers."

License money does not decrease your taxes one cent; but the saloon increases your taxes enormously. You are not taxed to build sidewalks, light the streets, or to do any of the things it is claimed license money does for the town. But you are taxed, and that right heavily, to pay the county's bills for courts, jails, poor houses, care of the insane, and things like that. The land you own pays the bulk of the county taxes.

The poorhouse and farm are just outside the city limits and you feel flattered when the state authorities report it the best institution of the kind in the state. Well, you may, for you are back of that institution, so far as money goes; for the taxes you pay, in large measure, sustain it. But its physician, himself a drinking man, is not a temperance fanatic, reports again and again, to your supervisors that at least three-fourths of its inmates come there through the drinking habit, either in themselves or others.

The case is a nutshell is this: If there is any good coming from license—which we deny—the city gets it; while for all the mischief the saloons work, the farmers foot the heaviest part of the bill.

Infinitely beyond any money consideration are the dangers that the licensed saloons of the town do for the unwary feet of your boys. From lack of familiarity with the customs of the saloon, farmer boys are more liable than city boys, to fall victims to its snares.

### LIQUOR CLOUDS ONE'S BRAIN

'Temperate' Use of Intoxicants Is Apt to Be Productive of Queer Fancies and Fallacies.

It is a well known fact that when alcohol enters the body, one of the first organs to feel its influence is the organ of the mind, the brain. The perceptive faculty is befuddled, the reason dethroned, and the moderate drinker never knows the exact moment when the sceptre passes into the hand of the arch-deceiver. In fact, such is the illusive nature of strong drink that the drinker often imagines that a "proper and legitimate" use of the same stimulates and sharpens the intellect. We find among the friends and supporters of the liquor traffic very few total abstainers. The moderate drinker, on the other hand, is found characterizing liquor as a necessary evil and apologizing for the saloon as the poor man's club, which goes to prove that even a "temperate" use of intoxicants is apt to be productive of queer fancies and dangerous fallacies in the mind of even a good lawyer, an able editor or an eminent clergyman.

### The Evil of the Saloon.

An American social reform journal has this to say of the evil of the licensed liquor traffic:

"It is not chiefly that the saloon is a political evil, not chiefly that drunkenness is a blot on the community, not chiefly that it interferes with work and business, not altogether that it makes so much misery for so many, but that at last we are seeing that the saloon and intemperance are the enemies of souls that have infinite worth and the destroyers of bodies that have cost such care. We are at last seeing how utterly illogical, even imbecile, it is to spend thousands of dollars on schools and churches to produce fine souls and thousands of dollars of sanitary cities and streets and houses and safeguards to grow a healthy young man, and even to spend thousands more to restore criminals to manhood, and then to allow on any corner an institution which destroys both body and soul."

### Columbia Makes Unique Record.

Records of all kinds have been claimed by steamships coming into port, remarks a Chicago paper, but none more strange than the boast of the "Columbia," of the Anchor Line, which recently completed a trip from Glasgow to New York, without having sold a drink during the entire voyage. Although there was liquor provided, not a drop was purchased, for every one of the passengers was a total abstainer.

### The Peace of God.

Stokely C. Carmichael is hard to hear. But we should remember that the deity of the will of God is always the noblest, holiest thing we can do any hour, however hard it may be for us. If we are called to suffer, let us suffer patiently and sweetly. Under all our sharp trials let us keep in our hearts the peace of God. Under the snows of suffering, let us cherish the fairest, gentlest growth of spiritual life. The outward man may indeed decay, but the inward man may be renewed day by day.

## POULTRY

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### FRESH EGGS IN GOOD DEMAND

Little More Attention to Details Will Result in Profit, Repaying Time and Labor.

By F. B. P. A. G. PHILLIPS, Knoxville, Tenn. The demand for eggs is growing rapidly, and the grower must be prepared to meet it. The grower must be prepared to meet it. The grower must be prepared to meet it.

Since the demand is greatest for the best grades, it seems obvious that a little more attention to details will result in a profit amply repaying the extra time and labor involved. It is not the purpose here to enter into any discussion of the ways of increasing the production of eggs, but simply to point out the possibilities.

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## GOOD SOIL FOR BUSH FRUITS IN THE SEWING ROOM

All Varieties Should Be Grown in Wide Rows to Allow of Cultivation by Horse and Hoe.

The ground between the rows and around the bushes should be kept fine and mellow. If the soil is allowed to become hard and allowed to grow up in weeds and grass, the yield will be cut short, and the fruit will be small and of inferior quality. All bush fruits should be grown in wide rows, so the greater part of the cultivation can be done with the horse, hoe and cultivator.

The proper distance to plant currants, raspberries, blackberries and gooseberries in the fruit garden is five feet apart each way for horse cultivation. For the small family garden plant in rows five feet apart and three apart in the row. This will allow of the larger portion of the cultivation being done with the horse cultivator. The ground around the bushes must be broken up and mellowed with the hoe. Expert fruit growers maintain a dust mulch until the berries are half size, then a thick coat of long straw manure, grass or rotted leaves is spread over the entire ground about four inches thick.

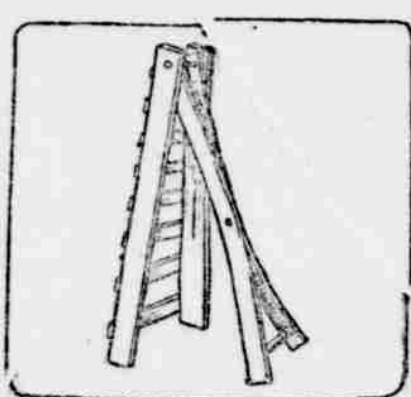
This mulch prevents the growth of weeds, and keeps the soil cool and moist. When this method is followed the yield will be greater, the berries free of dirt, and much larger size, and of extra fine flavor. All fruits succeed best when given plenty of sunshine and air, along with intelligent culture. The common practice of planting the bushes along the garden walk or fence row is bad, as the bushes cannot be cultivated economically. The yield and size of the berries is greatly increased where there is a full supply of moisture.

The irrigation for fruit and vegetables is being extended as a result of tests made by practical men. The method of irrigation for vegetables and small fruits practiced by market gardeners of Hudson has been found economical and profitable.

### FOLDING LADDER MADE SAFE

Directions Given and Illustration Shown of Quite Convenient Implement for Orchard.

A ladder built like this is very handy about the place in picking fruit or pruning trees. For a ladder ten feet long use 2x4 pieces one and one-fourth inches thick, by 5 inches wide for uprights, writes Barton Evers of Forsyth, Mo., in the Farmers' Mail and Bee. For the supports, use two pieces of one



A Folding Safety Ladder.

by four-inch stuff. Bolt the two supports together in the middle. Spread the lower ends as shown and use a rod for the connection at the upper end. The longer the ladder, the heavier the uprights should be. Such a ladder can be folded and carried with ease.

## HORTICULTURAL NOTES

The banana apple is well worth testing.

Pruning shears can be used every month in the year.

The quickest growing tree for a shelter belt is the willow.

Pear trees planted on this ground are not so apt to become blighted.

Prune the currants and gooseberries as soon as the leaves fall, or early next spring.

Straw, stable manure makes an ideal mulching fertilizer for both young and old apple trees.

For a farm of 120 acres about 20 acres should be given up to the buildings and orchards.

In latitude where crimson clover will grow, try sowing it for a cover crop in the orchard.

While sandy soils are probably good for strawberry vines, any soil too rich will bring good results.

The easiest and quickest way of eradicating white grubs in a green-house is to use kerosene.

Potatoes should be applied to all kinds of fruit trees, especially to the peach and other stone fruit.

Flowering cutworms to their or other crops by eating buds and foliage, scatter poison bait about.

Ripen the pears in a dark place. They will assume a fine color if suspended between the layers of woolen blankets.

Flow the ground for the late orchard. Disk it in late fall and it will be in good shape to plant next spring.

Hot fruit trees in an well drained ground, putting two feet of dirt on the roots and covering the tops with a sheet of six inches.

## SHORT BITS OF WISDOM THAT ARE OF VALUE.

Will Be Found to Be Labor Savers as Well as Economical—How Rusty Needles May Be Effectively Cleaned.

When darning a rent in woolen goods, and it is impossible to ravel out the goods itself for thread to darn with, use long hairs from your own head. The loose waves of the wool loose the hair in its meshes, and so the darn becomes invisible.

The best way to clean rusty needles is to run them up and down in the earth. Then go out in the garden and stick the needles in the ground, then pull them out. Have the needles threaded, with the thread tied double, so there will be something to catch hold of to extract the needle from the earth. This method is even better than using an emery bag.

When buttons come off shoes and you sew them on again, run through all the other buttons with the same thread with which you replace the missing ones. It will strengthen them all and make the next button sewing a task far in the future.

Small holes in black or white kid gloves can easily be mended with court-plaster. Cut the plaster a little larger than the hole itself, and stick it to the under part of the glove directly over the hole, pressing the kid down smoothly on the sticky surface of the plaster. This will last as long as the gloves themselves do.

If the tip breaks off the end of your scissors, the jagged point may be smoothed off by rubbing it on a whetstone. The point will be uneven, but it will cut all right. The same treatment may be used for blunted needles.

Glove clasps, or snap fasteners are better to use as a fastening for pocket cloths on coats, dresses than are hooks and eyes. But when the latter are used be sure to buy those having the peat eyes instead of the ordinary loop eye.

Silk petticoats always give way first at the seam; therefore, when you buy a new one, sew silk seam binding over each seam on the right side. This will often serve as a cure for worn-out petticoats.

When doing drawn work or hem-stitching on linen, soap the place where the threads are to be drawn, using a thick soap lather and a soft brush. After the work is once started, it will be an easy matter to draw out the threads, as they slip very easily on the soapy surface.

### Molasses Cornballs.

For a family of five buy two pounds of corn on the cob, or one pound all shelled. After popping pick it over and remove all hard kernels. For the syrup use two cups of molasses and one-half cup of white sugar and boil until hard, when a few drops are put in cold water, then add a piece of butter size of a walnut and a quarter of a teaspoonful of soda. Pour over the corn and stir thoroughly. Butter the hands and while the corn is warm (from hot) balls. You will have to work quickly as they cool fast. This makes anywhere from two to three dozen cornballs, according to the size you make them.

### Marshmallow Fudge.

Heat two cups of granulated sugar, one cup of rich milk; add two squares of chocolate and boil until it hardens in cold water. Just before it is done add a small piece of butter, and then begin to stir in marshmallows, crushing and beating them with a spoon. Continue to stir in marshmallows after the fudge has been taken from the fire until a pound has been stirred into the fudge. Cool in sheets three-fourths of an inch thick and cut into cubes.

### Peanut Fudge Filling.

Two cups of sugar, one pint of milk, four squares of chocolate, four tablespoonsful of butter, one teaspoonful of vanilla essence, one cupful of chopped peanuts. Put all ingredients into a saucepan and let this stand at the back of the range until the mixture liquefies. Boil until a soft ball is formed; beat until creamy; spread between cakes.

### Aunt Maria's Cake.

One-half cup butter, one cup brown sugar, one cup sour milk, two cups flour, one teaspoonful soda put in dry flour, one teaspoonful cinnamon, one-half teaspoonful cloves, one egg (beat white separately), one teaspoonful molasses, one cup chopped raisins. Bake one hour.

### Chestnut Salad.

Shell large chestnuts and blanch them. Then boil until tender. While they are still hot immerse them in French dressing to which has been added a little onion juice. Drain and chill thoroughly. Serve in a bed of watercress.

### Pickled Tripe.

To pickle tripe cut into squares and lay in an earthen pot, and pour over boiling vinegar enough to cover, in which a blade of mace, a dozen whole cloves and a stick of cinnamon have been boiled. It will be ready for use in 12 hours.

### Cleaning Bedsteads.

To clean white iron bedsteads use a damp cloth and a little cooking soda. This will leave the bedstead clean and white. Soda will also remove nearly all stains from the sink.

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